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Dear Mom and Dad,

We received your letter from the HI-TIDE and I'm glad the good weather continued through your visit. I would certainly like to have stayed a second week and gone for that run along the beach! Unfortunately, there is plenty to do at the office and I am headed for California again on Wednesday. I will return Friday afternoon after visiting in San Jose and San Diego.

Vickie had a very enjoyable and busy time in Oregon. Both her brothers were available and, while they did not spend the week camping, they went on several drives and hikes. Vickie rode her mother's bike and went golfing with her father.

Our three day weekend is speeding by but we are enjoying it. Last night we went to Jack and Joyce Wilson's for dinner along with Lin and Jim Sanchez. Lin is expecting a baby in November. They drive up from rural Fredericksburg to their jobs each day. Earlier yesterday I went to the computer store and bought an expansion board for my computer. It now contains the maximum 640K! I needed more than 256K to run some programs and memory is cheap now so I filled up the machine. An interesting feature is software to create a "RAM disk" which is a block of memory which acts just like a floppy disk. When a program is copied into RAM one addresses it just like a floppy but it reacts very quickly. It took me a while today to get everything set up and then we

went into the Gallery of Art to hear a lecture and see an exhibit which is closing. We've used our new microwave a couple of times and it will be a real time saver for us. I made our blueberry betty in 8 minutes instead of the normal 45 and I can see many other applications as well.

We offered 75K for the house in Lake Hills, but the owner held out for 79.9K. This didn't seem unreasonable since the house had sold previously for that price. The deal fell through the same as the first house we visited. In any case, we are offering the full price and hope it will go through.

Our weather has cooled a bit yesterday and today. Tomorrow we will go down to Old Town for a long run although perhaps not 20 miles. Earlier in the week we feared the hurricane might get up here by the weekend but I guess it has stalled.

I certainly had a wonderful visit and enjoyed your company very much! I will try to come out next year about the same time (if not before).

Love,

*Jim*